

# NEW HORIZONS GROUP HOMES

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## WE ARE SO BLESSED!

New Horizons is so very blessed in many ways, not the least of which is seeing so many of you supporting us at our major fundraiser each year! This year's BBQ/Silent Auction was another example of your showing support in many different ways, from sponsoring our event, to providing silent auction items, and volunteering before, during and after the event. Much work goes into preparing for this each year, and we'd especially like to thank our board members for the time they spent preparing.

Thanks to the faithful businesses in our area and to individuals, we had 150 items at the silent auction and two very nice "drawing" items. Thanks to all of you who had a part in our big day (even our great supporters who forgot to come!), we were able to realize over \$19,000 to help provide for our amazing residents! All in all, it was another successful BBQ!

We would also like to send a shout-out to **Henry Kirk**, the D.J. who provided the music. Our residents especially enjoyed dancing with the inflatable guitars that he provided for them! Also we have heard many comments from guests who

thoroughly enjoyed the music and watching our residents and their friends enjoying it!

**Of course, our biggest thank-you goes to God. He has been with New Horizons since it was just an idea over 30 years ago, and He is always faithful to provide whatever we need.**



Our residents and friends enjoying the day!



We are so very grateful to **Central Baptist Church and Christian School** for once again welcoming us with open arms to their gymnasium. They have been doing this for many years, and are always so gracious to us. Their students are absolutely the best! They unload our cars on Friday afternoon, bring in the silent auction items and help set up the tables and auction items. On Saturday, they help during the event and with clean-up afterwards. They really do make life so much easier for us! **Please keep Central Baptist Church and School in your prayers, as last week, God took home their beloved Coach. Bill Williard spent almost 30 years pouring his love of Christ into the lives of his students and his church. He will be greatly missed. Please also remember his wife Rachel and daughter Kristen.**

We are also grateful that **BubbaQue's** catered the event again this year. Everyone always enjoys the meal, and this year was no exception.

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

We are so grateful for our sponsors, who helped ensure that we had a successful event.

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We hope that you will patronize the businesses that helped us so much.

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#### **MONTHLY SUPPORTERS**

We are very blessed to have some special friends who support us on a monthly basis. While we are good stewards of the funds that we have to provide all of the needs of our three homes, we have unexpected expenses, just like every other family. Of course, two of our homes have been in operation for over 20 years, so there are always things that need to be updated or replaced, like painting, flooring, kitchen cabinets, etc. Also, because we have trees on our property that have been there for many more years than we have, they need to be maintained. Obviously, these are major expenses, and additional monthly donors will give us a cushion for when life happens. Any help that you are able to give will be greatly appreciated!

#### **ON-LINE DONATIONS**

If you prefer to donate on-line, we are now using ZEFFY, which is non-profit friendly, with all of your donation going directly to New Horizons. Just go to our website, [www.newhorizonshomes.org](http://www.newhorizonshomes.org), click on the Donate button at the bottom of the Home page and follow the directions.

**If you haven't had a chance to make a donation this year, please consider remembering us in your year-end donations. We are grateful for any and all contributions that help us to finish the year strong. Of course, the most important thing you can give us is your prayers, so please don't forget that!**

#### **NEW HORIZONS KEEPSAKE ORNAMENTS**

There are probably some of you who have not seen the New Horizons keepsake ornaments of historical places in Brandon. We had a new one yearly for 18 years, but have not had any new ones for several years. If you would like to see what we have left, our good friends at **McAuley Fine Jewelry** have the ones that we still have in stock, and they would love to sell them to you. They are \$10, and are made by the same company that makes the White House ornaments. The following are still available:

***Brandon Homestead***  
***Train Depot***  
***Old Brandon School***  
***Sharrar's General Store***  
***Brandon Woman's Club***  
***James McCabe Theatre***  
***Brandon Supply Company***  
***Bill's Prescription Center***  
***Hamp's Garage***  
***Brandon Chamber of Commerce***

We have been out of the first three on this list for many years. However, we have had some returned to us because of various reasons, so we only have a couple of each of those. These ornaments are beautiful on a Christmas tree, and they are also beautiful displayed in a shadowbox frame to be enjoyed all year. Each one also has a short history of the ornament.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

***It is our mission to provide a family-oriented Christian living environment supporting adults with disabilities, enabling them to achieve their highest potential for independence through faith, family, choices, dignity and respect.***

**OPENINGS IN THE HOMES**

We currently have openings for new residents. If you know of someone who might be interested in having a family member become part of our New Horizons family, please have them contact our administrator, **Tiffany Hofeditz**, at 813-571-2690, for a tour of the homes and an interview to see if the applicant is a good fit. We are licensed as an assisted living facility, and our residents must be able to take care of their own personal needs, participate in daily activities in the homes, and be able to work at a business in the community or attend a day program.

Our residents enjoy the family atmosphere in the homes and are encouraged to use their God-given talents and abilities. They are members of the Special Ministries at First Baptist Brandon and attend services on Sunday mornings, as well as other activities at the church. They also bowl on Saturdays and participate in other activities in the Brandon community. We have three residents who work at Publix and one who works at McDonald's, while the other residents enjoy their day programs. Several residents also participate in Special Olympics and thoroughly enjoy the competitions. We are proud of all of our residents and their accomplishments! They are all unique individuals and a joy to be around.

This time of the year is always a fun, festive time at New Horizons. The residents enjoyed spending time with their families for Thanksgiving and are excited about spending more time with them at Christmas. They are also excited about upcoming parties and other special events. By the end of December, they will have enjoyed the First Baptist choir's Christmas presentation, the New Horizons Family Christmas party, the party that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Central Baptist Christian School provide for them every year, the Special Ministries Christmas party, and whatever special parties they have at their jobs and day programs. They are so looking forward to all of this! **With all of these parties that they will enjoy, they will also keep in mind the real reason that we celebrate Christmas, which is the birth of our Savior.**

**NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

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**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings.**

***"I tell you the truth, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me."*   Matthew 25:40**

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Thank you for supporting New Horizons Group Homes. We appreciate your gifts of time and talent. We also covet your prayers.

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